

A MONTHLY OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTICS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

Prof. MAHADEVA SASTRI IS NO MORE



Prof. Korada Mahadeva Sastri, Professor of Telugu (Retd.), S.K. University, Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh passed away on 11th October 2016 at the age of 96 at Anantapur. Being trained under doyens like

Suniti Kumar Chatterji, Meenakshisundaram Pillai and Kshitish Chandra Chatterjee, he made invaluable contributions to Telugu language and Linguistics. He was one of the three stalwarts who initiated the movement for establishing the Dravidian Linguistics Association which ultimately came into existence in 1971.

Prof. Sastri secured triple postgraduate degrees – Economics, Comparative Philology and Telugu. He obtained D.Litt. in 1961 for his thesis on the historical grammar of Telugu under the guidance of Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterji from Calcutta University. He started his career as Lecturer in the Department of Linguistics, Annamalai University and later served in the Department of Telugu, Sri Venkateswara University and at Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Anantapur as Professor. During the period 1976-78, he was Visiting Professor at the Institute of Indology, Koln University, Germany.

His major works include *Historical Grammar of Telugu*, *Descriptive Grammar and Handbook of Modern Telugu*, *Andhra Vangmaya Parichayamu*, *Bala Praudha Vyakarana Dipika*, *Telugu Vyutpatti Nighantu* - an etymological dictionary of native Telugu and *Bhasha-Samskruti*. Besides, he has published many valuable research papers in both national and international journals.

Prof. Sastri is survived by his wife Saraswati, an embodiment of traditional knowledge, acquired from her elders, and three sons and a daughter. One son, Dr. K. Ramakrishna, is the retired Principal of SSBN College, Anantapur. His second

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son, Dr. Venkat Korada, worked in the Department of Chemistry, Delhi University and his third son, Dr. K. Suryanarayana is Professor of Sanskrit at Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati. His daughter, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi lives in Chennai with her husband, Dr. Janardanam, a dental surgeon.

The Dravidian Linguistics Association (DLA) and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics (ISDL) owe their existence due to the initiation and efforts of Prof. V.I. Subramoniam, Prof. R.C. Hiremath and Prof. K. Mahadeva Sastri. With the passing away of Prof. Sastri, all the three eminent Dravidian linguists who paved the way for the establishment of the Dravidian Linguistics Association have left us forever.

The demise of Prof. Sastri is a great loss to the Dravidian Linguistics Association and its allied institutions in the fields of research, both in Telugu and in Linguistics. So also, it is an irreparable loss to higher learning and research in Telugu and Linguistics. On behalf of the Dravidian Linguistics Association and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Prof. N. Bhaktavatsala Reddy (Tirupati) and Prof. Sreenivasulu Reddy (Anantapur) attended the funeral rites. All the members of the Dravidian Linguistics Association and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics express their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.

45th ALL INDIA CONFERENCE OF DRAVIDIAN LINGUISTS & INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM on *Case, Agreement and Postpositions* (23-25 June 2017 at University of Delhi)

The Dravidian Linguistics Association at its 44th annual conference held in June 2015 at CALTS, University of Hyderabad

decided to hold the 45th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguists (AICDL) at the Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi. In accordance with the aspirations of the linguists all over India, it is decided to hold an International Symposium on *Case, Agreement and Postpositions* (ISCAP) along with the 45th AICDL. The 45th AICDL and ISCAP will be held from 23rd to 25th June 2017 at the Department of Linguistics, University of Delhi under the Directorship of Prof. R.C. Sharma. It is organized by the Department of Linguistics - University of Delhi, the Dravidian Linguistics Association and the International School of Dravidian Linguistics.

We are pleased to announce that abstracts are invited for oral presentations on substantial, original and unpublished research pertaining to any aspect of theoretical and applied linguistics. The thrust areas of the conference are *Case, Agreement and Postpositions* in Indian languages. However, papers on other branches of Linguistics and related subjects will also be allowed. The following are a few such areas for paper-presentation: *Language Acquisition, Language Teaching and Learning, Brain and Language, Discourse Analysis, Phonetics and Phonology, Semantics, Comparative Linguistics, Historical Linguistics, Clinical Linguistics, Speech Synthesis, Mathematical Linguistics, Semiotics, Stylistics, IT and Linguistics, Morphology and Syntax, Pragmatics, Sign Language Studies, Translation Theories, Computational Linguistics, Neurolinguistics, Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Typology, Folkloristics, Tribal Studies, Cultural Studies and Palaeography.*